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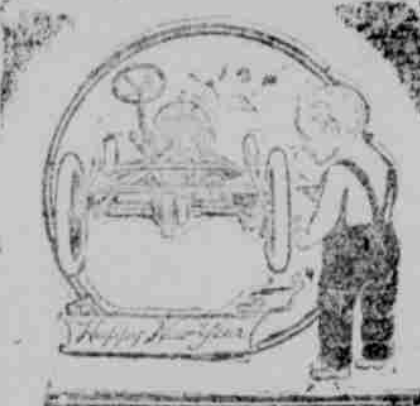
Christmas inspires an expression of appreci-  
ation for the friendly co-operation accorded  
our efforts in 1921. Fairness tempered the  
disappointments and encouraged progress.

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may be caught in the net of its happy spirit  
and enjoy a Merry Christmas and a Pros-  
perous New Year.

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wishes for a most Merry  
Christmas. May it find  
you prosperous and hap-  
py.

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## A CHRISTMAS CONFESSION



I didn't hear old Santa come—he never made a sound,  
Just left for me a Christmas tree, with presents all around!  
And tho I like each thing he brought, my books and all the rest,  
I'll tell you confidentially: I love my dolly best!

—By MARTHA HART, in Successful Farming.

## THE FEAST OF LIGHTS

THE lights on the tree are said to  
be of Jewish origin. In the  
month of Kishlev, of the Jewish  
year, corresponding nearly to our De-  
cember, and the twenty-fifth day, Jews  
celebrated the feast of dedication of  
their temple. It had been dedicated on  
that day by Antiochus. It was dedicated  
by Judas Maccabehus, and, according to  
Jewish legend, sufficient oil was found  
in the temple to last for the seven-  
branched candlestick for eight days,  
and it would have lasted eight days to  
prepare new oil. Accordingly, the Jews  
were worshipping on the twenty-fifth day of  
Kishlev in every house to light a candi-  
dle on the next day, and on the day of the  
candle and the day of the feast,  
eight candles burned in every house.

It is not very easy to fix the ex-  
act date of the Nativity, but it is  
most probably on the last day of Kis-  
lev, when every Jewish house in Jeru-  
salem and Jerusalem was twinkling  
with lights. It is worthy of note that  
the German name for Christmas is  
Weihnacht (the night of dedication),  
as though it were associated with this  
feast. The Greeks also call Christ-  
mas the feast of lights, the name  
given to the dedication festival, Chan-  
ukah, by the Jews.

## WHY THE CHRISTMAS KISSES?

Occultation, Allowed by Custom, Cele-  
brates One of Most Charming  
Events in Tradition.

WHY should men kiss girls who  
stand under mistletoe?  
Because they like it and be-  
cause custom allows it. Every kiss  
under the mistletoe, however, is a kiss  
which celebrates one of the most  
charming events in Christmas tradi-  
tion.

The romance goes back to the days  
of the gods of Scandinavia, when Bal-  
dur the Beautiful was shot by Locke,  
the Spirit of Evil, with an arrow of  
mistletoe. But his mother, Venus of  
the North, restored him to life by salu-  
tating with kisses all who passed be-  
neath a branch held aloft in her hand.

Thus it became an emblem of love  
and happy celebration. Ancient races  
held the plant in great veneration, par-  
ticularly the Druids, who went in pro-  
cession into the forests to collect it.  
After New Year's day it was dis-  
tributed among the people as a sacred  
and holy plant. If any part of the  
mistletoe touched the ground it was  
regarded as an omen of impending  
evil.



## A FULL STOCKING.

Hock—Santa Claus apparently has  
gifts to please everybody.  
Hock—Yes, it seems that there is  
nothing he doesn't keep in stock. He  
brought one woman of my acquaint-  
ance a divorce with alimony and the  
custody of the poodle.

Millions for Fish Meals. A  
Two and a half million dollars is  
spent every week by the people of  
Great Britain on fried fish and potato  
chips, representing an average weekly  
provision of 30,000,000 meals.

## Looking for Santa Claus

I'm looking for dear Santa Claus:  
I hope he'll surely come,  
With packs of gifts and goodies 'cause  
I want a nice big drum:  
A trumpet; and a train of cats;  
A horse that makes a howl;  
I wonder if the blinking stars  
Can see where he is now.

I'm waiting for dear Santa Claus  
To bring a lot of things:  
Toys, knives, a dog with shaggy paws  
And flying boats with wings—  
Then I can give some toys to Ned  
Who left our school last year;  
He works because his father's dead—  
To help his mother dear.

I'm watching for dear Santa Claus:  
I'd like to get a book,  
Where from his magic he stole draws  
New skates; a sled or book;  
But mother says he'll dash away  
He should dare to nap;  
And so I'll just kneel down and pray,  
And then go off to sleep.

—By Louis M. Grier, in Illinois State Rights.

## CHRISTMAS GIFTS

GLAD Christmas Day is here again,  
With loving word and deed,  
When all get much they do not want, and  
little that they need.  
The baby's jacket cousin sent, we can't  
get on at all,  
And mother's slippers are too large and  
father's are too small.

And sister Zeila got a hood she'll be afraid  
to wear  
Because its color clashes with the color  
of her hair.  
And brother Henry got some books from  
pious Uncle Ned,  
And after he had told him, too, he hoped  
he'd send a sled.

## CHRISTMAS GREETING

"I wish you were here this Christmas night."  
So sang Mother Goose in her well-known rhyme  
But if wishes meant blessings, this glad Christmas  
Should bring to you just what all tell of mine.

That giving is better than getting I know,  
And a "will for the deed" never paid a debt due  
But when one is bankrupt in all ways "good will,"  
Be sure the "good will" may be honest and true.

So I wish for my dear ones their wishes fulfilled:  
That all every good thing their hearts may be full;  
And hearts love them truly, all their hearts are still  
In the dearest, truest, and kindest of all.

Can friendship do better? Could love ask for more?  
I know nothing better, think nothing can be.  
If you do, ask St. Nick when he stops at your door,  
And say it was "good will" ordered by me.

—ANNA HUSTED SOUTHWORTH

## Task of Time.

"I thought I'd make my Christmas gifts,  
and spring them all, you see;  
I love to sew!" said little Juliet.  
"But I guess I'll have to hurry, 'cause  
tomorrow's Christmas day,  
And I haven't got my needle threaded  
yet!"

## CHRISTMAS NIGHT

ALL day the children dear did play  
With toys and came from Santa's sleigh  
From Noah's Ark,  
Until quite dark  
The beasts were ranged all two by two.  
Each doll in a cage  
Had grown quite tame—  
Young folks were tired, grown folks, too;  
They snuggled in their  
Knee-cold spots.  
Crown them a ball of Teddy Bear.  
It munched the tongue doll's face in pairs,  
Cuddled monkey and kittens all four,  
They humped the cat, and so to bed  
Jack-in-the-box ate candy, too,  
And nuts and raisins, not a few.  
The rag doll called for ice cream pink,  
The parrot screamed: "I want a drink."  
This cannot sound quite sane or right—  
The children's dream on Christmas night.

—Philadelphia Record.



## Specials for Christmas

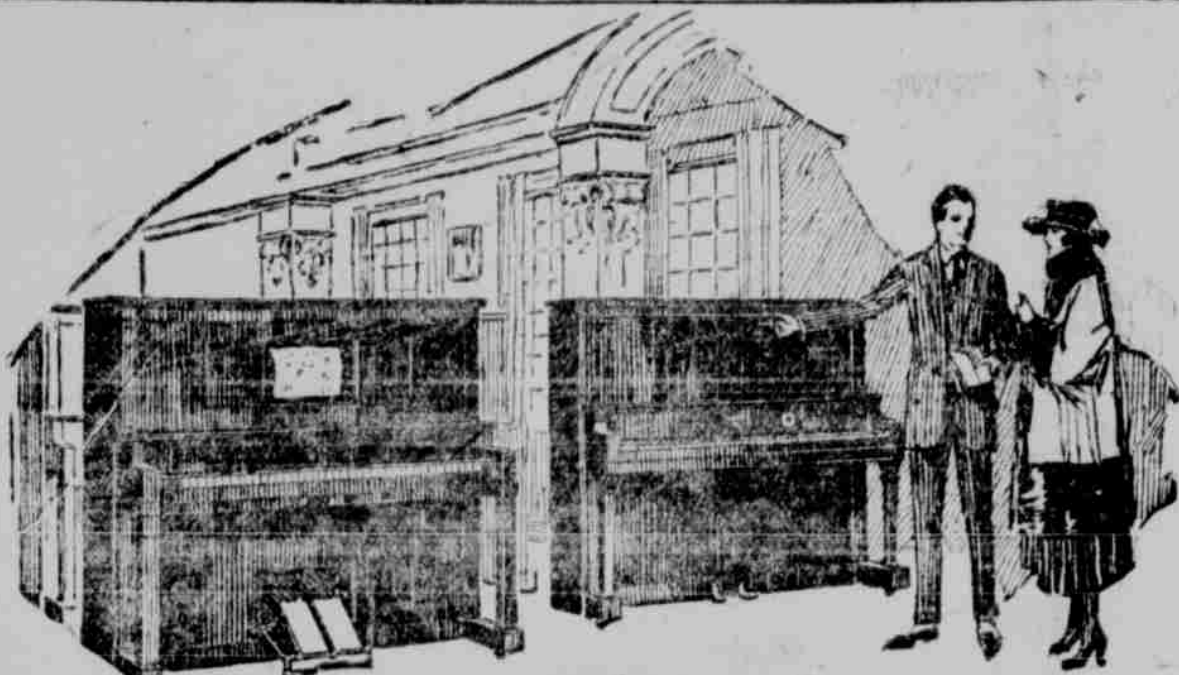
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